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Commissioner (choose one): All

Subject: Nature's Gift Country Kids

Comments: Dear Planning Commission,
My name is Rupal Badani and I am the head of pediatrics at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation's Department of Pediatrics as well as a mother of a 3 year old who has been attending Nature's Gift Preschool. As a pediatrician, I see everyday the need for balanced preschool education in our community. There is a lack of quality programs to choose from that provide children with the needed skills to be ready for kindergarten. I am a long time resident of Fremont and was a student of FUSD from 5th to 12th grade, myself. I am excited that my children will benefit from all FUSD has to offer and want to make sure I send my child well prepared to kindergarten. Nature's Gift is an excellent program, and I am thrilled that Ms. YinYin is expanding and opening a new campus on Allen Court. I understand there are some reservations about this project, but I fully support this program and Ms. YinYin's vision. She currently runs a school in a similar neighborhood and I never see any problems or chaos at pick up and drop off time. Please help support the children in Fremont and do not take away a wonderful opportunity to help them come to FUSD Kindergarten ready to take advantage of all the school districts has to offer. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. Thanks.
Rupal Badani, MD.

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The following form was submitted via your website: Contact the Planning Commission

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Commissioner (choose one): All

Subject: 36940 Allen Court, Fremont, CA 94536 APN: 501-0231-008-00

Comments: Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the proposed preschool and day care facility on 36940 Allen Court, Fremont, CA 94536 APN: 501-0231-008-00. My son, Tyler, has been attending Nature's Gift for the past year.

Although various other educational programs are available much closer to where I live in the Mission San Jose area, my husband and I selected Nature's Gift because of its fine educational program. There are no other programs offered like this in the Tri-City area. Nature's Gift offers a well-balanced program of academics and play in a warm, caring, and non-denominational environment, fostering the development of well-rounded, responsible, caring, and bright children. Ms. Yinyin Mar and her staff truly strive to help each child meet his or her maximum academic potential.

Having an older child who is now eight, I have experienced other schools in the Tri-City area, and can honestly say that there is a unique sense of community at Nature's Gift that is cultivated by Ms. Yinyin Mar and her staff. All the parents take pride in the program and, as such, work together to ensure that the children's experience is a positive, enlightening experience.

Ms. Yinyin and her staff are very conscientious, not only ensuring the safety and positive well-being of the students but are also proactive to ensure the least disruption to neighbors. At its current location, parents are clearly informed and reminded where to park and how to park for pick up and drop off. I have no doubt that, at the Allen Court location, Ms. Yinyin and her staff will take all the necessary precautions and institute and enforce a strict pick-up and drop-off policy to ensure the least disruption to the neighbors and prevent congestion and traffic.

Permitting Nature's Gift to open another location will most certainly benefit the children of Fremont and, in turn, the Fremont community as a whole. I urge you to vote in favor of the development of the preschool/day care at the Allen Court location so that more children in the City of Fremont will have an opportunity to experience the exceptional educational program offered by Ms. Yinyin and the caring staff at Nature's Gift.

Sincerely,

/S/

Kathy N. Murai

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The following form was submitted via your website: Contact the Planning Commission

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Commissioner (choose one): All

Subject: Nature's Gift Preschool

Comments: Dear Planning Commission,

I'm writing in support of the Nature's Gift Preschool opening on Allen Court in Fremont. My son currently attends Nature's Gift's first site.

Addressing the concerns of the Allen Court neighbors, I can say from personal experience that Ms Yinyin Mar is a conscientious, respectful citizen in the community. She clearly informed parents of parking rules, rules of conduct and the like to ensure that surrounding neighbors weren't disturbed. Because of her diligence, the flow of traffic for dropping off and picking up children ran smooth and peaceful. As parents involved with the preschool, we don't want to jeopardize our children's education by disrespecting the people who live in the neighborhood. I'm confident this same respect will carry over to the Allen Court site.

As director of Nature's Gift Preschool, Ms Yinyin provides quality learning for the youngest residents of Fremont and sets them on a path of meaningful growth and development. We are extremely pleased with her dedication and commitment in helping our son's emotional, personal, and cognitive growth. Her service would be a beneficial and positive contribution to the Fremont community. Allowing Nature's Gift to open at Allen Court will make this realization possible for more families.

As a general dentist in Fremont I take pride in serving the people here. I would love nothing more than to see other Fremont establishments like Nature's Gift flourish. It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. In this case, it requires the support of the Fremont community and preschools like ours. My hope is that you'll kindly consider the wonderful benefits that Nature's Gift will bring to our city, and, most of all, our children.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Amy Chan, DDS
Leon Chang, DDS

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Commissioner (choose one): All

Subject: Letter of Support-Nature's Gift Preschool

Comments: To Whom it may concern,

My twin girls are currently attending Nature's Gift Preschool in Locke Ct site. Ms. Yinyin Mar (the owner & teacher) is a wonderful, attentive, responsible, dependable, and patient teacher. My girls love her and talk about her all the time when they are not at school. They have progressed so much since they first attended last September. Nature's Gift Preschool provides a high quality educational programs. All parents park their cars in designated spaces only as explained clearly and in details from the beginning by Ms. Yinyin.

I am confident that the second site of Nature's Gift Preschool at 36940 Allen Ct will be a benefit to the community and all the children who are going there.

Yours Sincerely,
Inge Lukito

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Commissioner (choose one): All

Subject: Nature's Gift Preschool expansion

Comments: Respected Members of the Planning Commission,
I am writing on behalf of Nature's Gift Preschool and their planned expansion for Nature's Gift Country. I am not only the mother of a former Nature's Gift student (and future mother of 2 more next year), but I am also an educated member of our community with doctoral level work on the psychological development of children. I can say without reserve that Nature's Gift Preschool provides some of the highest quality education to the children who attend. All the children who attend this school develop exquisitely through a well-rounded and age-appropriate curriculum. Academics, play, fine and gross motor and social skills are all enhanced through the program at Nature's Gift. The parents of the children are highly involved in their child's education and are extremely respectful of the school's surrounding neighbors and observant of parking rules. The city of Fremont will suffer a great disservice if Nature's Gift is not allowed to expand in order to continue offering its excellent educational services to more children.
I urge you to approve the plans for the school to move forward as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,
Heidi Siedlecki
Fremont Niles resident

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Commissioner (choose one): All

Subject: Support Letter for 36940 Allen Ct., Fremont Thursday, February 18, 2010 8:54 AM

Comments: To Whom It May Concern;

My name is Mai Oka. My 3-year-old daughter is currently attending Ms. Yinyin Mar's preschool (Nature's Gift) in Fremont. We have had a great experience with her preschool and would like to support the opening of the new preschool at 36940 Allen Ct.

Ms. Mar's educational approaches are excellent, especially for my 3 year old daughter. My daughter used to be very shy before she started going to school. We tried attending some parent-child classes, but she was always crying and hardly socialized with other children. Once she started preschool, she has loved the school from day one. The environment has encouraged her to open up and enjoy herself and make friends. She talks about her daily projects after coming home from school, and cannot wait for the next school day. Plus, soon after she started going to school, her language ability has improved considerably. We are very impressed with Ms. Mar's socializing and language approaches. We would recommend Ms. Mar's preschool to any of our friends, and hope other families can benefit from a caring and supportive preschool.

The parking situation that neighbors maybe concerned about is not bad at all. I drop and pick up my daughter, but I have never seen any congestion. I have never seen anyone parking or blocking other people's property. Ms. Mar's parking policy is clear to avoid any inconvenience to the surrounding people. The parents of Ms. Mar's preschool are very polite and are courteous at all times.

Please allow Ms. Mar to open the new preschool at 36940 Allen Ct.as soon as possible, so that more and more families in Fremont may benefit from quality and caring preschool. I am sure that the second preschool will be an asset to the area.

Sincerely,

Mai Oka

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Commissioner (choose one): All

Subject: LOR in Support of PLN2010-00151, Mar Large Family Daycare - 36940 Allen Ct

Comments: Dear Commissioner –

I am writing on behalf of Ms. Yinyin Mar and her efforts to develop a high quality preschool on Allen Ct. in Fremont's Centerville District. My children have been attending Ms. Mar's preschool located on Locke Ct. since June 2006, when my oldest child first enrolled. Because of her high quality school, two of my other children are currently enrolled at her school. To emphasize how much I appreciate Ms. Mar's program, please note that I have been driving from my Irvington home to her preschool near Paseo Padre and Decoto Road nearly each weekday for the past four years. Her program is by no means the closest nor the least expensive, but it is the most well-rounded, highest quality pre-school program in the Tri-Cities.

Ms. Mar emphasizes and achieves high academic standards. To wit, my oldest child received such a strong foundation at Ms. Mar's school that when she graduated and enrolled in FUSD's Spanish Immersion program in Kinder, she earned her class's Outstanding Achievement Award at year's end, even though Spanish is not our first language.

In addition to ensuring high academic success, Ms. Mar emphasizes "soft skills" such as compassion, friendship, honesty, fairness, and risk-taking. And while she teaches these in her classroom, she also looks for these qualities in her students' parents. Make no mistake, when Ms. Mar evaluates students for their preschool readiness Ms. Mar is also "interviewing" the parents. She wants to be sure that her parents are people who follow school rules such as abiding by pick-up times, parking guidelines, and payment timelines. As well, she convenes the parents to review school rules before the school year begins and she sends out periodic reminders to achieve this goal. It is clear that Ms. Mar values her neighbors on Locke Ct. and goes out of her way to ensure that her school does not impact her neighbors' lives. With nearly four years of experience working with Ms. Mar, I am confident that she will have the same respect for her neighbors on Allen Ct.

A preschool program such that Ms. Mar directs is something that is highly needed in Fremont. Not that there aren't other quality preschool programs, but certainly there are not enough for the growing preschool population in the Tri-Cities. As well, the success of Ms. Mar's students are not short-term successes, but ones that will reap benefits for Fremont for years, maybe even decades, to come. Ms. Mar's program instills a life-long love of learning and sets the stage for high achievement in FUSD programs, something from which everyone in Fremont will benefit.

I plan to attend the February 25th City Council meeting in support of Ms. Mar and my high recommendation for permitting her preschool at Allen Ct. However, should you have questions regarding my comments here please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
Cynthia Olavarria